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BETHESDA MD 20816
9/19/85

Mr. Jeff Rosh.
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Dear Mr. Rosh,

about a year ago Bob Guell of New Jersey gave me a listing of Hall Cents which he said you owned and suggested I write you in my continuing search to locate Conditon Census Hall Cents. Like so many other things I just never seemed to get around to it, but am doing so now.

In going over the listing I note a number coin which if possible, I would like some data on. I readily refer to

1794 #2b
1794 #6a
1795 #2b
1796 #1
1797 #3c
1802 #1
1804 #7
1806 #1
1809 #1
1811 #2
1831 #1

In addition the 7 Proofs listed.

Bob mentioned that you had disposed of the collection at least I think he said that. Just the same any information would be appreciated.

Your Name ~~has~~^{has} also popped up in the current ad last issue of "Fenny-Were" in regard to your series Books on Copper worth their weight in Gold. on which I have a few comments on.

The first several comments in regard to the Durst (1984) reprint of Bowers. 1962 work were in my opinion

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"Pleasant" to put it in the current Verne. I have
tried to figure why ~~the~~ that disagree ever made it to the
Penguin Press! The most plausible answer I can come
up with is that Doris wanted something to sell cheaply
on Half Cents. Particularly since I have refused to sell
him copies of my book as a result of a rather disagreeable
experience with him.

Your second serial which arrived yesterday ^{has}
caused me to "take Pen in Hand". Thank you for
your complimentary review or synopsis. Turning out a
book as a labor of love is no easy job. Particularly when
you are new at the publishing game. If we ever meet and
have time to discuss and you're interested, I'll go over with
you some of the unsaid ^{and} generally unknown ~~it's~~ behind
both my first and second editions.

On one of your letters there were 1993 copies of my
first edition printed of which I have about 10 reminders
left. There were NO Presentation Copies. I also acted as
distributor and it took 10 years to sell out. Some collectors
have referred to the book as being "adictive" and I definitely
agree with you that it had a "effect" on the Verne
fraternity.

The second edition had 3000 copies printed of which I
sold 2700 copies to one distributor before the printing and
binding were completed. ^{25 were pre-ordered} There are also 2 style of Presentation
Copies. 20 Copies bound in brown leather and given to persons
who helped. Their names are also embossed. Another 8 copies
are green bound and given to others as Presentation. I
have the plates and photos if there is ever a 2nd
printing which I doubt there will be or I will
probably issue a 3rd edition. Just when depends
on a number of factors entirely to lengthy to
set forth now.

I hope this has bring you with all this and I realize the letter is much longer than I had anticipated.

I feel your comments about Bruce Hall Cent book to be quite interesting. I waited for 32 years for Walter to publish and I can not convey my dismay at what was produced. I consider the B16 Book to be a shame. There is so much ^{correct information} available that could be in it. Your comment that it was in a symbiotic relationship with my book is very true!! The dissimilar style of writing are unfortunate for Hall Cent books. Perhaps my proposed 3rd edition will cure the problem.

Again, Many thanks for your worthy in "P.O." and hopefully you will take time to answer my questions about your collection.

Sincerely Yours.

Robert C. Cuthbert.

LISTING OF HALF-CENTS:

Rock

1. 1793 C-1, VF
2. 1793, C-3, VF/XF
3. 1794, C-1a, VF
4. 1794, C-2b, Good
5. 1794, C-4a, AU
6. 1794, C-5a, VF/XF
7. 1794, C-6a, VG
8. 1794, C-9, Unc., porous
9. 1795, C-1, AU
10. 1795, C-2b, VG
11. 1795, C-4, AU
12. 1795, C-5b VF, scratched
13. 1795, C-6a, XF
14. 1795, C-6b, Good
15. 1796, C-1, VG
16. 1796, C-2, XF
17. 1797, C-1, XF
18. 1797, C-2, VF
19. 1797, C-3a, VF/XF
20. 1797, C-3b, VG
21. 1797, C-3c, Poor
22. 1797, C-3b, duplicate. AG
23. 1800, C-1, Ch. Unc.
24. 1802, C-1, Good
25. 1802, C-2, F/VF
26. 1803, C-1, Unc.
27. 1803, C-2, VF
28. 1803, C-3, Unc.
29. 1803, C-4, XF
30. 1804, C-1, AU
31. 1804, C-1, Fine
32. 1804, C-5, XF
33. 1804, C-6, Unc.
34. 1804, C-7, XF
35. 1804, C-10, Unc.
36. 1804, C-11, AU
37. 1804, C-12, Unc.
38. 1804, C-13, Gem BU
39. 1805, C-1, Ch. BU
40. 1805, C-3, Fine
41. 1805, C-4, Unc.
42. 1806, C-1, Unc.
43. 1806, C-2, XF
44. 1806, C-4, Ch. Unc.
45. 1807, C-1, Unc.
46. 1808, C-1, Fair
47. 1808, C-2, XF
48. 1808, C-3, Unc. spotty
49. 1809, C-1, VF
50. 1809, C-2, VF
51. 1809, C-3, AU
52. 1809, C-4, Unc.
53. 1809, C-5, Gem BU
54. 1809, C-6, XF
55. 1810 C-1, Brown Unc.
56. 1811, C-1, VF
57. 1811, C-2, XF
58. 1825, C-1, AU
59. 1825, C-2, Unc., laminated
60. 1826, C-1, part red unc.
61. 1826, C-2, about XF
62. 1828, C-1, Unc.
63. 1828, C-2, Unc.
64. 1829, C-1, Unc.
65. 1831, C-1, Fine or better
66. 1832, C-1, Unc.
67. 1832, C-2, Unc.
68. 1832, C-3, Unc.
69. 1833, C-1, AU
70. 1834, C-1, AU
71. 1835, C-2, Unc.
72. 1849, C-1, Unc.
- 73-79, 1850-57, each Unc.

plus seven (7) proof specimens.

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JAN 21, 1986

Mr. Jeff Bask
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Dear Mr. Bask:

In regard to your Series in Penny-wise I did
note an omission, that of the Quarterman Report of
Frank H. Stewart's "History of the First United States Mint".
This data is being sent to you as per your request.

For some reason you have not replied to my
letter to you of 9/19/85. This is OK with me however
under these circumstances it will be forced to list any of
your former Collection Coins as "removed" in any oc work
which is published. Also as these coins make the rounds of
various collectors your Name will be omitted from the
Chain of ownership (Pedigree) unless someone else has it
recorded. Only the Hard Core fraternity will suffer from
your choice not to reply to me.

In regard to your Series in Penny-wise when you
reviewed Walter Haeckel's "Encyclopedia" (The Big Red Book)
you stated that the book was never promised to be the
final word on Haeckel. Now that the limitations of the
incredible accumulation of logorrhea are known, I
believe it's time to let you to see some of the
Promotional Material.

Sincerely, Haver.

From the Desk of
WALTER

THE "ENCYCLOPEDIA" IS HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now you peons will use it!!!!!!!!

Your LORD and master has spoken!!

This colossal masterpiece will be
used as the ONLY REFERENCE hence-
forth on the subject of US Half
Cents!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

To do otherwise will result in
your excommunication!!!!!!!!!!!!

I have labored long and hard and
all data is the gospel!!!!!!!!!!!!

Any other person is an ICONOCLAST!

I claim complete and absolute au-
thority. All previous writers do not
have my astrological powers!!!!!!!!

You will now read and be beholden
to ONLY ME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

10358 Buena Vista Avenue
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February 17, 1986

Mr. Roger S. Cohen
4701 Sangamore Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20816

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I am in receipt of your letter and enclosures of January 21.

Ever since your letter of September 19, I have been in a quandry as to how to answer. First of all, I must thank you for the information that you furnished on the deluxe editions of your book, as well as for catching my slip-up on the Quarterman reprint of Stewart's work (which was in my notes, but somehow never made it to the final article).

Second, and, most important, I consider myself to be a close friend to both Jack Collins and Walter Breen, the two people that I feel you have done the most to hurt in the hobby.

It is entirely for this last reason that I am unable to furnish you with the information you requested. I have seen the letters that you wrote to Jack, dripping with hate and jealousy. There is no room in the numismatic fraternity for such childish antics. You are obviously upset that a better work than your own has been published, and, instead of being glad that such an in-depth piece of research has been published, you have done your best to pooh-poo the work, and then have picked out the little faults and magnified them so much that you are no longer able to see the good points.

If you are unhappy with "THE BIG RED BOOK," publish something better. If you can. This is how true numismatic scholars have worked over the years--not by taking their marbles and going home. Does it bother you that when all is said and done the contributions that Walter and Jack have made will tower over your own such efforts? Is that why you vainly, desperately try to tear down the best thing yet written on the series?

As you have already guessed, my lot has already been cast with Walter and Jack. It's a shame that such petty politics must exist in numismatics, but, when the "battle" is between a hateful, spiteful man and two people who I consider to be among the most honest and fair in the hobby, it is not too difficult to pick the side of the angels.

Sincerely,


Jeff Rock

3/18/86

Mr Jeff Boek.
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Santae C.P. 92071

Dear Mr Boek:

Let me make a shame that you have allowed.
Your Personal Prejudice to overcome. Have common
sense in sending me the letter that you did. The
addition you have allowed your self to be used in
creating ^{more of} a sides issue in the field of Neumastic
research.

Your conclusions as to my thinking are quite erroneous.
I am not upset at the publication of the "Big Red Book"
Rather for 14 years I needed an ego mania to
put up or shut up. He chose the former. We can
each now express our opinion on the product. The
errors in my opinion I am afraid my good points
as I stated to you previously I consider the book
to be a shame. More than one collector has stated "it
had to separate the bookend from the Bullshit".

I do not plan to "pick up my marbles and go home"
rather I plan to work for half cent knowledge devoid
of pompous arrogant writing. I am also very much in favor
of letting people know what I have knowledge of. I do not
plan to keep it all to my self as someone did for 20
years.

I must close now and hope that you do not consider
this letter to be arrogant, illiterate and Tacky. I do hope
you enjoy the fairy land you have chosen to
enter.

Sincerely

Roger S. Cohen.

10358 Buena Vista
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March 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Cohen,

I've received your letter of 3/18. Circumstances permit a much quicker reply than my last.

I do not want to be placed in the middle of a controversy. But, the plain truth is that one already exists, and, as I've already stated, I have chosen sides.

Personal prejudice played only a minor role in the letter I sent. I have nothing against you or your work. I just have a problem in dealing with your prejudices. Your last line completely ruined the rest of your letter. Do you remember it? "I do hope you enjoy the Fairy land you have chosen to enter." Yes, I know that both Jack and Walter come under your heading of "Fairy land." Big deal. What a person does in the privacy of their home is none of my business. Good grief, there are drug dealers, major drug users, ex-convicts, people who should be serving time, thieves, rapists, at least two people who have killed and God only knows what else involved in numismatics! Why do you have to pick out a point that is completely meaningless to pick on? Since you are a researcher, you know how important it is to know about what you're writing or speaking about. If you have a problem with accepting Jack, Walter (and, I can guarantee you, thousands of others. I personally know around 25-30 men and women involved on both sides of the numismatic table, who are homosexual. Included are some of the largest dealers and collectors) why don't you research the subject? I'm not here to preach, but, you might learn something. My last word on the subject--I feel that you've allowed your personal prejudice get the best of you and, unfortunately, it has hurt the numismatic community.

You were a bit unfair in your treatment of Walter. First, I do not consider him to be an "egomaniac." The man enjoys attention, but I dare you to find a human being who doesn't. Nor did he keep his knowledge to himself for twenty years. He had no resources that were denied to anyone else--the knowledge was there, waiting to be found. You've also got to remember that in the twenty years after he completed his first monograph on half cents, there were a lot of different things happening. After leaving Harmer Rooke, most of his manuscripts were kept by Don Taxay (later sold to a noted bibliophile). I believe the half cent work was among those lost. There were also many

other things to be done--ranging from raising his two children to researching and writing about other topics.

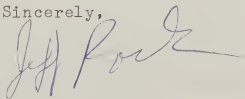
I do not think that the publication of the half cent encyclopedia was brought about because of your incessant needling to "Put up or Shut Up." Rather, it was thought that a comprehensive work in the series was sorely missing and that it would fill an existing gap in numismatic knowledge.

As I said before, if you don't like the book, write a better one. That's how it's done. If the book is as bad as you say it is, you don't have to waste valuable energy trying to tear it down and ripping it to shreds. Use that energy to write something better. A useless book can only be the standard reference as long as it is the only book written. Your book replaced Gilbert. Walter's has started to replace yours. The collecting public is not easily fooled--it knows what it wants, and, if it doesn't get it, it makes that fact known. If the collector isn't happy with WB's book, we'll all hear about it.

I have never allowed my personal feelings to interfere with numismatics. If you need any information, I'd be glad to furnish it. I am unable to provide you with any additional data on the half cents, for reasons that have absolutely nothing to do with the feud.

In closing, "I do hope YOU enjoy the Unfair land you have chosen to enter."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Rock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Another

Cacklesucker "